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For:	NOVEL COMPOUNDS FOR USE IN WEIGHT LOSS)	
	AND APPETITE SUPPRESSION IN HUMANS)	
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Examiner:	Nancy L. Zhang)	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the communication from the Examiner mailed August 22, 2006, Applicants hereby acknowledge the withdrawal of the supplemental restriction requirement directed to Group I (claims 1-4, 14, 15, 91-93, 103 and 104) and Group II (claims 5-13 and 94-102) consistent with the

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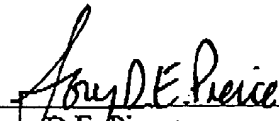
agreement reached during the telephone interview held on November 15, 2006 between Applicants' attorney and Examiners Zhang and Marschel.

Pursuant to the continued requirement to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held allowable, Applicants hereby submit independent claims 105 and 107 (and, subsequently, dependent claims 3-15 and 106 and 93-104, 106 and 108, respectively), which are set forth in the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently herewith.

Applicants having fully responded to the Examiner's Supplemental Restriction/Election Requirement and having made the required election, early action on the merits of elected claims 3-15 and 93-108, is now in order.

DATED this 15th day of November, 2006.

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